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MEMORANDUM

re: Conversation with Said Kreyziu

Said Kreyziu called this morning, June 27, to speak namely about the sad plight of the Albanians in Turkey. It appears that the Turks are insisting that they take Turkish nationality, and, if they refuse to do so, do not give them permission to work or even permission to have their children baptized, or to enter into a marriage contract. Said Kreyziu asks assistance in trying to alleviate the situation of the Albanians in Turkey.

Mr. Kreyziu then went along to ask whether there is hope of holding a conference in the near future and putting the question of the enlargement of the Committee to a vote. He was told Mr. Dosti was being very cooperative in the matter but that there were many facets to it which we were exploring very thoroughly before calling a conference again and that we would have to delay such a conference for at least one week or ten days. Mr. Kreyziu then said that he would like to comment on the persons suggested for consideration as representatives of the Ali Klissura group. He said that he personally would prefer to see Muredin Vlora appointed. This did not mean that he had anything against Koce Muca, who is a personal friend but that Mr. Muca is known only in a very restricted area in Albania and has no particular following, political or otherwise. Also he is strongly pro-Monarchist and if he was appointed to the Committee in addition to Markojoni who is also Monarchist, the political balance would be completely upset.

Muredin Vlora, on the other hand, is Republican and he is well-known over all of Albania, as well as abroad. He has political influence and long experience in diplomatic matters.

Mr. Kreyziu also told us that he had just received a letter from Ali Klissura. Ali Klissura told him that Muredin Vlora met Abas Ermenji the other day in Rome and discussed the matter of present Albanian affairs. Abas Ermenji said that he and his party would fight to the death against the admission of a member of the Klissura group.

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